

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 87
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A RESOLUTION directing the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to conduct a study of the effects of instituting a multi-emission reduction strategy in electric power generating utilities statewide.

WHEREAS, governing bodies, local communities, and electric power providers share a common interest in complying with our Nation's standard of air quality; and

WHEREAS, governing bodies, local communities, and electric power providers also share a common interest in ensuring the availability and reliability of affordable electric power generation and supply to all customers and consumers; and

WHEREAS, governing bodies, local communities, and electric power providers must comply with multiple and often overlapping federal regulatory air quality requirements that require costly environmental compliance strategies; and

WHEREAS, a statewide multi-emission strategy is needed which provides the governing bodies, local communities, and electric power providers of Tennessee flexibility in current and future federal air quality requirements for oxides of nitrogen (NOx), sulfur dioxide (SO2), and mercury while providing reliable service to consumers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That this Body urges the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to undertake a study which will identify the environmental, health, and fiscal effects of instituting a multi-emission reduction strategy that complies with federal air regulations regarding NOx, SO2, and mercury emissions, such strategy being implemented in such a way as to provide maximum flexibility, cost effectiveness, and reliability of service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Environment and Conservation shall timely present its findings, including any recommendations and proposed legislation, to the General Assembly no later than March 1, 2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation with this final clause omitted from such copy.